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Examiner Ly: As we discussed earlier, attached are proposed amendments to the claims, which incorporate claims 5 and 6 into claim 1, claims 38 and 39 into claim 8, and claims 32 and 33 into claim 28. As you can see, we have made other changes to make the claims consistent with one another. Please call me at 617-521-7896 with any questions.

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:

obtaining instances of a query for a database using one or more query generation rules, the database comprising elements, the elements comprising fields, the one or more query generation rules obtaining the instances of the query by annotating the query with at least one of the elements and corresponding fields of the database;

generating a teaser that corresponds to the query, the teaser comprising text that is based on the instances of the query;

wherein generating the teaser comprises:

obtaining a common feature among the instances of the query by matching the instances of the query to one or more fields of the database; ~~and~~

using the common feature to generate the teaser; and

executing a conflict resolution rule that identifies the teaser as a most popular one of plural teasers; and

outputting the teaser;

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wherein the teaser is generated using one or more query matching rules, the one or more query matching rules being domain specific, the domain corresponding to a subject matter of the database.

2. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further comprising storing the query and the teaser in a lookup table, the query and the teaser so stored comprising a stored query and a stored teaser, respectively.

3. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 2, further comprising:

receiving an input query for the database;

determining whether the input query matches the stored query; and

displaying the stored teaser if the input query matches the stored query.

4. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the one or more query generation rules are domain specific, the domain corresponding to a subject matter of the database.

5 and 6. (Cancelled)

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7. (Previously Presented) The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the database resides on a server connected to the Internet.

8. (Currently Amended) Machine-readable memory that contains instructions that are executable to cause at least one processing device to:

obtain instances of a query for a database using one or more query generation rules, the database comprising elements, the elements comprising fields ~~within the elements~~, the one or more query generation rules obtaining the instances of the query by annotating the query with at least one of the elements and corresponding fields of the database;

generate a teaser that corresponds to the query, the teaser comprising text that is based on the instances of the query;

wherein generating the teaser comprises:

obtaining a common feature among the instances of the query by matching the instances of the query to one or more fields of the database; ~~and~~

using the common feature to generate the teaser; and

executing a conflict resolution rule that identifies the teaser as a most popular one of plural teasers; and

output the teaser;

wherein the teaser is generated using one or more query matching rules, the one or more query matching rules being domain specific, the domain corresponding to a subject matter of the database.

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9 to 27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

memory that stores instructions that are executable; and

at least one processing device configured to execute the instructions to:

obtain instances of a query for a database using one or more query generation rules, the database comprising elements, the elements comprising fields ~~within the elements~~, the one or more query generation rules obtaining the instances of the query by annotating the query with at least one of the elements and corresponding fields of the database;

generate a teaser that corresponds to the query, the teaser comprising text that is based on the instances of the query;

wherein generating the teaser comprises:

obtaining a common feature among the instances of the query by matching the instances of the query to one or more fields of the database; ~~and~~

executing a conflict resolution rule that identifies the teaser as a most popular one of plural teasers;

using the common feature to generate the teaser; and

~~outputting~~ output the teaser;

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wherein the teaser is generated using one or more query matching rules, the one or more query matching rules being domain specific, the domain corresponding to a subject matter of the database.

29. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the at least one processing device is configured to execute instructions to store the query and the teaser in a lookup table, the query and the teaser so stored comprising a stored query and a stored teaser, respectively.

30. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the at least one processing device is configured to execute instructions to:

receive an input query for the database;

determine whether the input query matches the stored query; and

display the stored teaser if the input query matches the stored query.

31. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the one or more query generation rules are domain specific, the domain corresponding to a subject matter of the database.

32 and 33. (Cancelled)

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34. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the database resides on a server connected to the Internet.

35. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable memory of claim 8, further comprising instructions to store the query and the teaser in a lookup table, the query and the teaser so stored comprising a stored query and a stored teaser, respectively.

36. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable memory of claim 35, further comprising instructions to:

receive an input query for the database;

determine whether the input query matches the stored query; and

display the stored teaser if the input query matches the stored query.

37. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable memory of claim 8, wherein the one or more query generation rules are domain specific, the domain corresponding to a subject matter of the database.

38 and 39. (Cancelled)

40. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable memory of claim 8, wherein the database resides on a server connected to the Internet.

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